



(FROM LEFT) Actresses Emma Samms and Marlee Matlin, and Sy DuBow, legal director for the National Center for Law and the Deaf, testify before a Senate subcommittee in support of the Television Decoder Circuitry Act.

Senate Subcommittee votes to move TV decoder bill to full committee

"I'm supposed to be a very objective senator, but you've got my vote!" Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Communications, said after he finished listening to an interpreter voice deaf actress Marlee Matlin's testimony on June 20 before the subcommittee in support of the Television Decoder Circuitry Act.

And after hearing testimony by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), who originally introduced the bill in the Senate, Matlin, and actress Emma Samms of TV's "Dynasty," all the senators on the subcommittee agreed with Inouye and took the unprecedented action of voting the bill out of the subcommittee before even hearing the testimony of the other six people who had also come to testify at the hearing.

Subcommittee member Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) made the motion to report the bill out of the Subcommittee on Communications and into the full Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. McCain was instrumental in adding a section to the Americans with Disabilities Act mandating a nationwide telephone relay system for deaf and hard of hearing people.

The Television Decoder Circuitry Act would require all TV sets with screens 13 inches or larger to have built-in circuitry that would decode and display closed captions.

Also testifying on the panel with Harkin, Matlin, and Samms were Sy DuBow, legal director of the National Center for Law and the Deaf at Gallaudet; Rocky Stone, executive director of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc.; and Annette Posell, corporate development manager of The Caption Center at WGBH-TV, Boston.

A second, technology-oriented panel included testimony by John Ball, president of the National Captioning Institute.

Before the panelists testified, both Sen. Inouye and Sen. McCain spoke in support of the bill. Inouye noted that closed captioning is expensive and that some people think captioning should

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Dr. Leonard Elstad, Gallaudet's third president, dies

Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, the third president of Gallaudet University, died on June 27 in a nursing home in Mauston, Wis., of complications following a stroke. He was 91. Funeral services were held June 29 in Mauston.

Elstad, who served as president of Gallaudet from 1945 to 1969, saw the institution become fully accredited in 1957 after an \$8.6 million building program. Under his leadership, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf was established on Kendall Green.

Elstad was born in Osseo, Wis., on Feb. 8, 1899, son of a Lutheran minister. After obtaining a state teaching certificate and working in a one-room rural school in North Dakota for almost a year, he entered St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minn., in 1918.

Following his graduation, he was accepted into the Normal Program (teacher training program) at Gallaudet College. After his first year of study, he was offered a teaching position at Gallaudet by Dr. Percival Hall, the second president. He began teaching English and history to freshmen, coaching girls' basketball and men's baseball, and being in charge of the men's dormitory.

Davila speaks about challenges in education for disabled people

As the highest ranking deaf man in the federal government, Dr. Robert Davila has faced tremendous challenges since he left Gallaudet one year ago, he told members of the Metro Washington Chapter of the American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association, who met here June 22.

After stepping down as vice president for Pre-College Programs to accept President George Bush's appointment as assistant secretary of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services in the U.S. Department of Education, Davila's days have been filled with handling a \$4 billion budget, straightening out a department that he said was beset by internal management problems, and addressing the educational and rehabilitative needs of the nation's population with disabilities.

Davila has had to tackle these responsibilities faced by the doubts of many who felt that a man with only a single disability did not have sufficient experience to handle the job.

"It has been a learning experience for me," Davila told the group.

Davila said that the first thing he did when he took over the job last summer was to meet the concerns of those who doubted his experience. "I think their concerns were valid," he said. "So I got out and visited 40 or 50 organiza-

tions on disabilities and talked about people's concerns. And I got a broad perspective." In the process, he said, he also reached the conclusion that it doesn't matter how many disabilities a person has, because everyone shares common denominators in the search for equal rights and opportunities.

The next thing that Davila did was to reorganize his department. He started

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Dr. Robert Davila

Elstad received a master's degree in education of deaf students from Gallaudet in 1923. In 1924 he became principal of Kendall School, and that year he also married Margaret Elizabeth Waffter, a Gallaudet teacher.

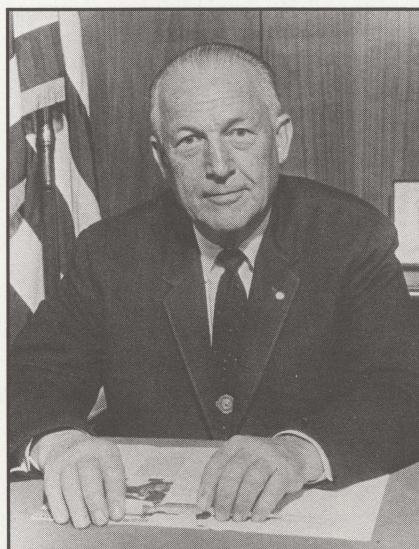
In 1925, Elstad became assistant principal at the Wright Oral School in New York City. He was on the faculty

there, as business manager and then principal, for seven years. Later he served as superintendent of the Minnesota School for the Deaf for 13 years.

In 1945, he accepted the position of third president of Gallaudet College. The Elstad family—including two daughters, Elizabeth Jane and Margaret, moved into House One, but for their first year, they shared the house with the Halls, who had moved to the third floor and erected an outside staircase to give them private access to the area. The Elstads often entertained in House One during the early years of his presidency, but during the last 10 years, Mrs. Elstad suffered from severe depression.

Elstad formally retired in the spring of 1969 and returned to Wisconsin. His first wife died in 1975, and he married his second wife, Nora, in 1976.

Elstad is survived by his wife, Nora, of Mauston, a daughter, Margaret Hegstrom of Savannah, and two grandsons. Contributions in Elstad's memory can be sent to the Church of the Epiphany, 13th and G. St. NW, Washington, DC, where he was a former senior warden.



Dr. Leonard M. Elstad

Education system faces challenges

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over with a new staff, which he said works together well as a team.

Davila said that he has not had time to finish setting objectives for his department, but that he will do so by the end of the summer. Many priorities need to be set, he said. In general, "American education is facing deep problems," he said, and deficiencies are vast in the education system for people with special needs. For example, there is a severe lack of trained personnel in special education and rehabilitation counseling.

Another problem is that rural areas are not getting the educational and rehabilitative services they need for people with disabilities. Also, many schools are not integrating children who have disabilities into classrooms with children who do not have disabilities. As a result, children are lacking in their educational opportunities and parents are angry and frustrated.

A third area of concern is lack of funding for education and rehabilitative services. The \$4 billion budget that his department has for this fiscal year covers only seven percent of the costs in these two areas, and it is not likely that significantly more money is coming in the near future. To meet the service needs, other avenues besides money need to be investigated, Davila said.

Another priority that Davila has set is to unify America's population with disabilities. In the past, these people have not interacted. Unification could help people with disabilities to share resources and carry more influence in lobbying for rights, said Davila.

Crime Update

The following criminal activities at Gallaudet from June 20-25 were reported by the Department of Safety and Security:

- 6/20—An Ultratec Minicom III was stolen at MSSD.
- 6/21—A complainant reported that she was struck and knocked to the ground. A subject was identified.



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Bruce McMahan (left), director of the Cristina Foundation, and John Yeh (right), president of Integrated Microcomputer Systems, two major supporters of Gallaudet's involvement in Union Institute, meet Clayton Valli at a June 19 reception at Northwest Campus. Valli is the first Gallaudet employee to enroll in Union, a non-campus-based program for professionals pursuing academic degrees, since an agreement between Union and Gallaudet was signed last summer.

Announcements

The next volunteer day for the Gallaudet community at Miriam's Kitchen, a breakfast program serving homeless people, is Tuesday, July 17, from 6:30-8:30 a.m. at Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H. St. NW. For more information, call Lolly Gilbert, x5169 (V/TDD).

New Age Computers of College Park will present a special interpreted session of its popular class, "Introducing Multimedia on the Commodore Amiga," on Thursday, July 12, at 10 a.m. Contact Ronald Nomeland, x5535 or E-mail RENOMELAND, for reservations.

The American Field Service (AFS) International Exchange Chapter at MSSD is seeking a host family on weekends and holidays for a deaf French girl who will be attending MSSD for the 1990-91 year. The student is scheduled to arrive in the United States the first week of August, but if a host is not located, she will not be able to attend MSSD. Interested people are asked to call Will Verbits, MSSD's AFS chapter president, x5375 (V/TDD).

The 1990 Family Life Lecture Series, sponsored by the National Academy, concludes with "Deafness and Inter-generational Relationships Between Families and Grandparents" on Monday, July 9, and "Residential Schools: Parent-School Relationships" on Monday, July 16. Both programs are from 4-5 p.m. in Ely Auditorium.

The Sunday, July 15, episode of "Deaf Mosaic," Gallaudet's Emmy Award-winning television program, will feature Dr. Robert Davila; the American Postal Workers Union; FANTAS-TIC, a TV program for deaf children; and *Deaf Life* magazine. "Deaf Mosaic" can be seen every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on The Discovery Channel.

The Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival Lecture Series, sponsored by Programs in Adult and Continuing Education in the College for Continuing Education, continues with "Communication Parameters," by Mervin Garretson, interim executive director of the National Association of the Deaf on Tuesday, July 10 (postponed from June 26), and "Telecommunications

and Deaf People," by Alfred Sonnenstrahl, executive director of Telecommunications for the Deaf Inc., on Thursday, July 12. All programs are from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Ely Auditorium.

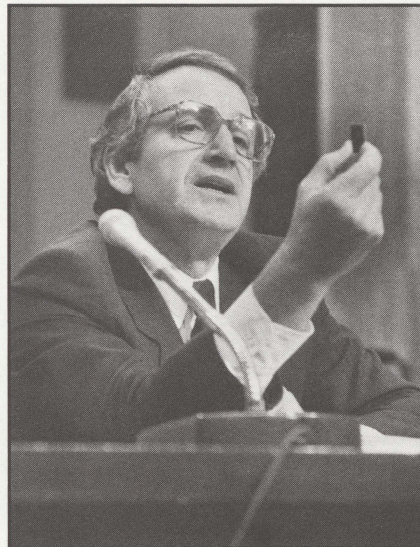
Senators support TV circuitry act

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be cut back. "I would consider such a rollback a disaster," he said. "We need to take action soon." Opponents of the legislation are also suggesting only putting the decoder chip in TV sets 20 inches or larger, but that would include only 40 percent of television sets. "This would defeat the purpose of this bill," Inouye said.

McCain said that 150 million television sets are used in the United States. "More American homes have TVs than telephones or indoor bathroom facilities," he said. "We have an obligation to the nation's 24 million hearing impaired citizens, to provide them access."

After hearing the testimony of the first group of panelists, Inouye said he hoped the bill will leave the Senate, fully supported, by the time senators leave for August recess.



Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) holds up a small chip that could be built into TV sets to decode and display closed captions during his testimony before the senate Subcommittee on Communications.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: L-shaped sectional sofa in beige cut velvet, seats 6, \$100; solid oak dining room table w/internally-stored leaf, 4 chairs, and matching corner china cabinet, call for dimensions, \$1,000; roll-top desk w/matching swivel chair, \$800. Call Loraine, x5052 (TDD), or 386-5886 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: '79 Chevrolet Beauville van, seats 8, 105K mi., 30K mi. on motor and transmission, runs well, \$950. Call Ron, x5535, x5553 (TDD), or 989-9220 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: Sears Winnie the Pooh highchair, \$15; Sanyo Beta 4900 Model VCR, \$50; Mediterranean BR set inc. queen-size bed w/headboard and frame, triple dresser w/2 mirrors, man's armoire dresser, 2 night stands, will inc. mattress if wanted, \$300/set; small brown formica table w/adjustable legs for height, \$10. Call Gloria Jones, x5310.

FOR SALE: '73 International Scout, 106K mi., good engine, automatic, little rust, will sell as is, BO; '82 Subaru SW, GL, silver, 88K mi., AC, automatic, needs engine, neg.; '84 Subaru SW, GL, green, 81K mi., AC, 5 speed, AM/FM cassette, \$1,900; bunk bed frames, can be used as twin beds, no mattresses, \$25; Pine Factory trundle bed, frame only, good cond., \$150. Call Mary P., x5090, or Martin, 577-1798 (TDD) after 7 p.m.

FOR SALE: G.E. refrigerator, harvest yellow, exc. cond., \$300. Call Mary, x6103 (TDD) days, or 220-0530 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: 30-by-40-in. stained glass window w/very large oak wood frame, antique from 1860s, \$350; 10-speed girl's bike, exc. cond., \$75; boy's bike, exc. cond., \$75. Call Sue, x3212, or 773-4292 (TDD) eves.

FREE: 3- to 4-yr.-old male mixed retriever trained to obey hand signals, large, affectionate, white w/black and tan markings, \$25 deposit, refundable on proof of neutering and rabies shot. Call Montgomery County Animal Shelter, 14645 Rothgeb Drive, Rockville, Md., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 279-1823 (V), or 279-1026 (TDD), ask for dog #135/14240.

FOR SALE: Scandinavian BR set inc. mattress, many drawers, and night tables, good cond., 6 yrs. old, 14-yr. warranty, \$550/BO; 6 blue corduroy cushion seats for chairs, 6/\$25, or \$5/each; portable, 5-in. black/white TV, AC/battery, fits to any car, never used, \$45; Sears portable sewing machine, exc. cond., about 20 yrs. old, tuned up, \$30. Call Jeff, 971-8810 (TDD) anytime.

WANTED: Nonsmoking female roommate to share luxury townhouse w/4 levels, 2 fireplaces, garage, 3 BRs w/high ceilings, 2 baths, 2 half baths, near Springfield, Va., must have own transportation, 20-min. drive to Kendall Green, no lease required, \$300 plus 1/3 util. Call Topsy, 697-4505 (V/TDD) 7 a.m.-4 p.m., or Tim, 695-3234 (V/TDD) 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or either, 643-0811 (TDD) after 6 p.m.

WANTED: Nonsmoking female roommate to share spacious 3-BR apt. in Seabrook, Md., 2 baths, patio, AC, W/D, DW, HBO, pool, good bus system, 10-min. drive/ride to Metro, \$250-\$300/mo. inc. util. Call Lean K., 208-6981, 337-6977 days, or 794-8754 eves.

FOR SALE: Full-size brown plaid sofa bed, \$50; pecan BR set inc. headboard, nightstand w/2 drawers, 6-drawer dresser w/mirror, \$150; must sell. Call Steven, x5215 (TDD), or 869-6761 (V/TDD).

FOR SALE: IBM Pro Printer, \$225; sofa bed, \$50; '76 Buick Century, \$700. Call Mr. Samson, 306-9155 (TDD) after 7 p.m.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

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MEDIA RELATIONS: Public Relations Office
SUPERVISOR, CONTRACTS AND MATERIALS: Physical Plant Department
TUTORIAL SPECIALIST/SUPERVISOR: Tutorial Center

DIRECTOR, WESTERN REGIONAL CENTER OF GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY: Fremont, Calif. (Apply directly to the center.)